

## JIM SCHWABER PROPOSAL

for the three villages to share responsibility for the Buzz Ware Village Center, 11/24/2013

Hi Enno, Pat, and Danny,

At the Village of Ardencroft town meeting in The Buzz on this past Thursday night a motion was introduced concerning Ardencroft's involvement in same, and I jumped in with a motion to postpone discussion or vote on the motion until we might investigate the issues and seek some resolution prior to the next town meeting. So please find below what I propose as a path forward to achieve this objective: essentially to flesh out/revise/improve the below to create some kind of explicit governing document for The Buzz that includes all three Ardens. I am suggesting that you three or your deputized designees would be the right way to do this, if you may agree with this objective.

Be it understood,

1) There is a long-standing convention of treating the Buzz Ware Village Center (BWVC) as a joint resource to the three Ardens -- Ardencroft, Ardentown, and Arden -- with support, involvement, and substantial work from residents of all three Ardens to make the BWVC succeed financially as well as socially. In this way the management of the BWVC has been consistent with many, many other projects that touch all three communities, of which arguably ACRA is the crown jewel (and which heavily depends on the BWVC). In all these joint projects, residents of the three Ardens make no distinctions among themselves as to "which Arden" they belong. We are all fellow travelers with common causes, interests, and responsibilities towards these joint projects.

2) In this context there has been an on-going practice in which the governance of the BWVC has been by an Arden-elected committee with additional members authorized by Ardencroft and Ardentown. In the spirit of point #1, all these members have cooperated and worked as a single committee, while at the same time recognizing that only the Arden members were voting members because they alone were responsible for the BWVC's finances.

3) This cooperation has recently turned sour, with the Arden members of the BWVC Committee insisting on their right to have the only official votes because only they have responsibility for the Center's finances. At the same time, the representatives of Ardencroft and Ardentown want their opinions fully heard, but without accepting a full share of the financial responsibility.

4) Therefore, be it resolved that the town chairs of Ardencroft, Ardentown, and Arden will explore options whereby responsibility for the BWVC finances and decisions will be officially shared by the three villages. That is, the three villages would share responsibility for the BWVC finances, and representatives from the villages would together determine how this wonderful community center is run, hopefully in a restored spirit of cooperation. [Or something like this?]

Respectfully submitted for your consideration please,

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